



AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-7. (cancelled).

8. (new) A ball feeder comprising:

a tray having a base and opposing side walls, the base having a ball inlet end and a ball outlet end and being in use inclined to define a first ramp extending downwards from the inlet end to the outlet end, one said side wall diverging away from the other said side wall from the inlet end to the outlet end;

a scoop for receiving a single transverse row of balls at the outlet end of the tray; and

means for raising the scoop into an elevated position to release the balls one at a time,

wherein the scoop, when elevated, defines a second ramp which extends transversely to the first ramp defined by the base of the tray.

9. (new) A ball feeder as claimed in claim 8, wherein the base, when inclined, is at least 4° to the horizontal.



10 (new) A ball feeder as claimed in claim 8, wherein the scoop raising means also raises and lowers a tee.

11. (new) A ball feeder as claimed in claim 10, wherein the scoop raising means comprises a carriage for raising and lowering the scoop and the tee and power operated means for raising and lowering the carriage.

12. (new) A ball feeder as claimed in claim 11, further comprising an injector and a tee shield, the injector being movable by the carriage to collect a ball raised by the scoop when the tee is in a raised condition and to deliver a ball to the tee shield when the tee is in a lowered condition.

13. (new) Apparatus for automatically feeding golf balls one at a time to a tee, comprising means for detecting when a player has hit a golf ball off the tee and a ball feeder for feeding a golf ball to the tee in response to the detector means, the ball feeder comprising : a tray having a base and opposing side walls, the base having a ball inlet end and a ball outlet end and being in use inclined to define a first ramp extending downwards from the inlet end to the outlet end, one said side wall diverging away from the other said side wall from the inlet end to the outlet end; a scoop for receiving a single transverse row of balls at the outlet end of the tray; and means for raising

the scoop into an elevated position to release the balls one at a time, wherein the scoop, when elevated, defines a second ramp which extends transversely to the first ramp defined by the base of the tray.

14. (new) A ball feeder comprising:

a tray having a base and opposing side walls, the base having a ball inlet end and a ball outlet end and being in use inclined to define a first ramp extending downwards from the inlet end to the outlet end, one said side wall diverging away from the other said side wall from the inlet end to the outlet end;

a scoop for receiving a single transverse row of balls at the outlet end of the tray;

means for feeding the balls one at a time to a golf tee; and

means for raising the scoop into an elevated position to release the balls one at a time, wherein the scoop, when elevated, defines a second ramp which extends transversely to the first ramp defined by the base of the tray.

15. (new) A ball feeder as claimed in claim 14, wherein the base, when inclined, is at least 4° to the horizontal.

16. (new) A ball feeder as claimed in claim 14, wherein the scoop raising means also raises and lowers a tee.

17. (new) A ball feeder as claimed in claim 16, wherein the scoop raising means comprises a carriage for raising and lowering the scoop and the tee and power operated means for raising and lowering the carriage.

18. (new) A ball feeder as claimed in claim 16, further comprising an injector and a tee shield, the injector being movable by the carriage to collect a ball raised by the scoop when the tee is in a raised condition and to deliver a ball to the tee shield when the tee is in a lowered condition.